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Didsbury hospital transfer this week

by Dan Singleton

The transfer of health services in the Didsbury area from the Red Deer-based David Thompson Health Region to the Calgary Health Region is progressing smoothly and on time, say officials.

Hospitals in Sundre and Olds are not expected to be impacted by the change.

The December 1 transfer will not unduly affect staffing levels at the 15 acute-care bed Didsbury Health Centre, say officials.

"We're working together to make sure there is a smooth transition and that there is not a disruption of service," said Lori Anderson, senior executive leader with CHR.

The transfer appears to be on track, said Elaine McFadden, David Thompson Health Region spokesperson.

"Plans are underway and the transition appears to be going according to plan," said McFadden.

The transfer was prompted by public petitions circulated in the Didsbury area starting last spring. The petitions, in turn, prompted municipal councils in Didsbury, Carstairs, Cremona and Mountain View County to call for the transfer.

The Carstairs motion read: "The needs of the community will be better served by the Calgary Region as the proximity to Calgary is closer than Red Deer and that the majority of citizens in the district consult with physicians from Calgary."

Didsbury and area had

been part of Health Region No. 5 before the number of health regions was reduced from 17 to nine in April.

Gary Mar, Minister of Health and Wellness, announced the Didsbury transfer to the Calgary Health Region on Oct. 7.

There are currently five physicians working out of the Didsbury hospital.

Didsbury physician Dr. Mark Putts said Friday, "I think it is a positive move. When it comes to different services like surgery, Calgary is short of room and short of time and it is a very proactive type of health board. You look at what's happening in Strathmore and High River (which joined CHR in April). Those hospitals are definitely being utilized better than what they were."

Negotiations with the Didsbury doctors are underway to affect the transfer of physician services, said Anderson.

Roy Brassard, a prominent Didsbury resident and former MLA who helped spearhead the move, said Friday, "I'm certainly hoping for the best. I think it is a good move for everybody. I believe we can be of service to the population between here and Calgary and I think we have revitalized our hospital at the same time."

The cost of the transfer has not been calculated and will not be known for some time, said McFadden. There are more than 20,000 employees and 2,000 physicians working in the CHR.

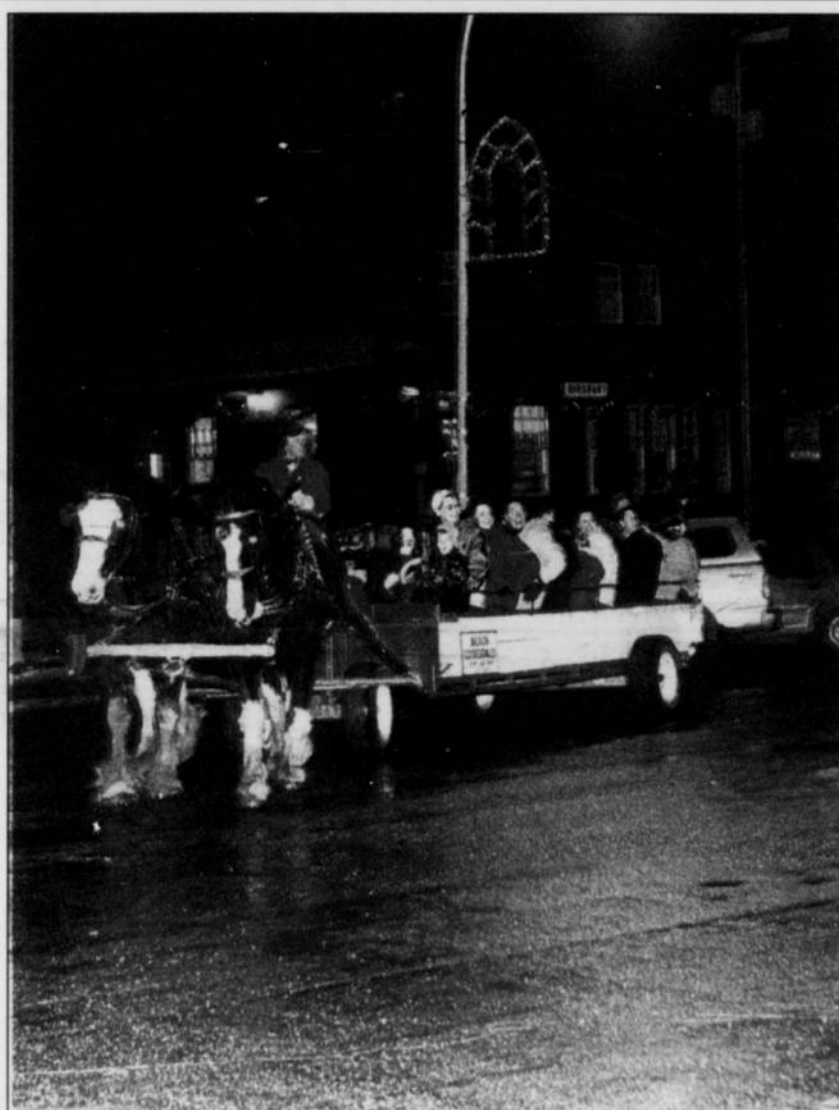


photo by Tamara Collins

Friday night was Didsbury's annual Country Christmas. Along with many other exciting events, horse drawn wagon rides were touring the town, from Victoria Square Mall.

Centennial anniversary celebrations

by Tamara Collins
Didsbury Review

The town of Didsbury will celebrate its 100th year an-

niversary in 2005. In preparation for this big event the Town of Didsbury is putting together a Centennial Anniversary Founding Commit-


tee to help plan the celebrations.

On Nov. 25, at 7 p.m. a meeting was held at the Memorial Complex. This meet-


ing invited everyone wishing to participate in the centennial planning to attend. Approximately 20 people showed up ranging from

residents, to business owners, students, and the RCMP sergeant.

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IN THE COURTS

21-year-old Didsbury man beat 14-year-old boy

Man beat teen

A 21-year-old Didsbury man who punched and kicked a 14-year-old boy during a drunken incident last summer has been jailed.

Jamie Norman Andres pleaded guilty on Nov. 26 to a charge of assault causing bodily harm.

Andres head butted, kicked and punched the victim on Aug. 11 at about 12:45 a.m. following an argument, court heard.

The victim, who cannot be named, was taken to Didsbury hospital with minor facial and head injuries.

"Mr. Andres took it upon himself to pummel the victim. It's a crime of violence and the Crown takes it very seriously," said prosecutor Norm Kelly.

Andres said alcohol was a factor in the assault.

Judge Maloney said the victim's young age was a severe aggravating factor in the case.

"That's particularly serious," said Maloney.

The judge sentenced Andres to 45 days in jail.

Andres is already serving an 18 month jail sentence after being convicted last month of arson.

The latest sentence will run consecutively with the earlier sentence, the judge ruled.

Man approached girl

A 29-year-old man who made an inappropriate sexual suggestion to a child in an area park last summer has been ordered to complete community service hours.

The accused was sentenced before Judge Frank Maloney on Nov. 26. He pleaded guilty to a charge of invite sexual touching from a person under 14 years of age on October 8.

A publication ban protects the victim's identity.

The accused approached the 12-year-old female victim outside a public washroom in a town in Mountain View County on July 26, court heard.

After asking the girl if she knew how to babysit and if she knew how to change diapers, the man pulled down his pants revealing that he was wearing

an adult diaper. He then asked the girl if she would change his diaper. The victim ran from the scene and police were called. The accused was arrested without incident some time later.

"He made a serious criminal breach involving children," said prosecutor Norm Kelly.

"I accept your guilty plea to this very troubling offence," said Maloney.

"One can only imagine the effect on the young girl involved."

The judge handed Sheldon Thomas Sagert, 29, a two year suspended sentence, including a provision for treatment and counselling, a strict curfew, and an order to complete 100 hours of community service.

Man slapped child

A man who slapped a seven-year-old child and then threw her across a hallway during a drunken incident in Didsbury last August will be sentenced next month.

Gordon Kenneth Lausen pleaded guilty on Nov. 24 to a charge of assault, and two charges of failing to appear in court.

Lausen climbed into a window at the residence early on the morning of Aug. 2, prosecutor Danny Elliott told the court.

Once inside, the accused was confronted by the baby-sitter and the child victim. Following a verbal confrontation, the accused picked up the victim, threw her across a hallway and slapped her, said Elliott.

"I invite you to imagine how

scared the baby-sitter was," said Elliott.

Eventually police were called and Lausen was arrested.

Duty counsel lawyer Brian Forestell told Judge Gilbert the accused was a resident of the home and knew the child for years.

Lausen failed to show up for two subsequent court appearances.

Judge Gilbert said, "Any assault against a child is serious."

The judge ordered a pre-sentence report prepared prior to sentencing next month.

Man threatened to shoot woman

A man who threatened to shoot a woman last March has been handed a suspended sentence.

Sheldon Wade Smith pleaded guilty on Nov. 24 to a charge of uttering a threat to cause death.

Smith threatened March 12 to "put a bullet through (the woman's) head", court heard.

Judge Gilbert handed Smith a one year suspended sentence, including an order that he have no contact with the victim.

If he fails to remain in good standing with the court, Smith can be brought back before Judge Gilbert for further disposition.

Drunk driver fined

A woman stopped by police after she was spotted driving the wrong way down an Olds street has been convicted of drunk driving.

Trudy Lynn Coates pleaded

guilty on Nov. 24 to a charge of driving with a blood alcohol level greater than 80 mg per cent.

Coates was stopped at about midnight on Oct. 31, and her blood alcohol level was determined to be 120 mg per cent.

"I would like to apologize to the court. I'm thankful that I didn't hurt anyone," said Coates.

"So are we," replied Judge W. Gilbert.

The judge fined the woman \$650 and prohibited her from driving for one year.

Drunk driver refused to exit vehicle

A drunk driver who refused to get out of his car after being stopped by police on Hwy 2 has been fined.

Jong Tak Kang, 37, pleaded guilty on Nov. 24 to a charge of impaired driving.

Kang was stopped by police near Bowden after officers received several citizen complaints that someone was driving erratically on the highway, court heard.

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MP Thompson confident merger will go ahead

by Dan Singleton

Wild Rose MP and Sundre resident Myron Thompson says he's confident the new Conservative Party of Canada will be approved by Canadian Alliance and Progressive Conservative members.

"It looks like everything is a go," said Thompson. "It looks like it is going to pass, at least it appears that way. I don't believe there will be any problems with the Alliance (vote), but there might be some problems with the Conservatives, but we'll see how that goes."

"I think it has to be ratified. I don't think there is any point in denying that the splitting of the vote has to end. If this will do it, then let's get with it."

Fifty per cent of Alliance members and two-thirds of Progressive Conservative members must approve the proposed new party for it to be ratified. Should the party be ratified, a leadership race will be held, with the new leader in place in March.

Proposed in October, the new party has been proposed as a way to end a decade of Liberal rule.

The Wild Rose riding, held by Thompson since 1993, includes Sundre, Olds, Didsbury, Airdrie and Cochrane.

Thompson has already sent in his mail-in ballot. He voted for the merger.

Alliance leader Stephen Harper and PC leader Peter MacKay are both pushing for the merger. Neither man has

announced plans to run for the leadership.

Soon after the proposed party was announced, Thompson said, "Canadians want this to happen and we are confident that the memberships of both parties will give their full enforcement to this new conservative partnership, and end a decade of Liberal waste and corruption."

Both Thompson and his PC rival in the 2000 federal election, Truper McBride, has already announced that they will see the new party nomination in Wild Rose. On Thursday, Thompson said people in Wild Rose have been telling him they support the merger.

"They are giving mixed feelings, but the majority appears to be quite supportive," he said.

Asked who he believes would be the best leader for the new party, Thompson said, "I don't have a thing to say about that. It doesn't look like there's going to be anybody running except Harper and MacKay. I suppose there might be somebody waiting for the results first, but I don't know who that might be."

Asked if he believes Stephen Harper would be a better leader than Peter MacKay, Thompson replied, "Oh yes. I think he would have a little more going for him. Peter MacKay has a little problem with people (in PCs), so I think he would have difficulty making the leader." Could the new party form a majority government in 2004?

"Sure, anything is possible. It's going to be difficult to over-

whelm the (Paul) Martin mania going on. The possibility is there. And of course there's the possibility of a minority government (for the Liberals) in there as well."

Paul Martin is the newly-elected leader of the Liberal Party. He becomes Prime Minister on Dec. 12 with the retirement of Jean Chretien.

Thompson says he will be touring several Ontario ridings over the next two weeks to promote the yes side in the merger campaign.

The PC and Alliance will each appoint members to a Leadership Election Organizing Committee no later than Dec. 15.

The next federal election, the first since 2000, is widely expected to be held in the spring of 2004.

County petition questioned

by Carla Victor
Olds Albertan

Mountain View County (MVC) Councillor Charlie Van Arnem openly questioned the validity of a Mountain View Taxpayers Association (MVTA) petition currently circulating this county.

The petition is asking for support from Mountain View County residents to force a plebiscite asking for a new bylaw prohibiting MVC from beginning construction on any new administration building before the next election.

The petition began circulation at two public meetings hosted by MVTA, Nov. 12 and 13.

MVTA intends to collect more than 1,200 signatures and present the petition to MVC at the beginning of January, 2004.

Van Arnem asked, if this petition is pertaining to the motion approved by council on Sept. 24th, to build a new administration building, wouldn't the 60 day time period to dispute the motion already be ended as of Nov. 24?

The Municipal Government Act states a petition against a bylaw must be completed within 60 days of the creation of that bylaw.

"In my opinion the boat has already sailed on this issue," said Van Arnem.

Petitioners argue they do not have to abide by the 60 day rule because their petition is calling for a vote on a new bylaw.

They said their request is for a plebiscite to be conducted on a different question and is not related to the motion passed by MVC, Sept. 24.

Arnie Shea, communications chairman for MVTA said this type of reasoning from the county was to be expected.

"The wording for the petition was provided by municipal law counsellors in Calgary. We (MVTA) are aware that there is no absolute wording that can not be challenged by MVC officials and we anticipate they will attempt to defy the taxpayers wishes if the required number of signature are obtained," said Shea.

MVC Commissioner Harold Johnsrude said he would not comment on the wording of this petition until it has been filed officially at the county office.

Van Arnem said if MVC has to follow the rules set out by the Municipal Government Act, then so should MVTA.

He said if this petition proves to be related to the motion passed on Sept. 24 then it should be deemed invalid.

"We have to be accountable to all the ratepayers," said Van Arnem. "We are obligated to follow the Act."

Councillor Ron Richardson, who brought forward the original motion to build a new administration building offered these comments to council: "I'm concerned a good thing has been turned into a bad thing. I think in this case, the right to examine is going too far. People need to value the system we have, not destroy it."

Richardson ended the prepared speech by saying: "now I've said it, I'm prepared to hang on this."

Councillor Linda Burrell thanked Richardson for his statement.

Centennial *Continued from front page*

Town Council passed a motion last Monday, at the Town Council meeting about the centennial anniversary and what their expectations for it were.

The motion moved by councillor Dahl stated that Council allocate \$7,500 per year for the 2004 and 2005 into a Centennial Celebration reserve account and that this funding be applied towards Centennial Celebration administration, publicity, and promotion.

Four recommendations were also approved. The first one being that a Centennial Logo contest be held beginning Jan. 1, 2004 with a deadline for

submissions to be March 31, 2004.

The second was that Council proclaim the September long weekend (Sept. 3-6), to be the major celebration weekend and that each month of the year also host at least one minor Centennial event.

Sept. 27, 2005 will be recognized as the official Centennial Day.

Lastly, Council will endorse the formation of a Centennial Celebration Planning Committee who will organize as a not for profit society, who will fill a variety of roles within this society to host a successful centennial celebration, and who will report to Council

on their aims and goals, budget, organization, responsibilities, and any related centennial recommendations.

"People will be able to apply for the positions available in the committee," said Rhonda Hunter, Director of Community Services. "The committee will work with the Town, and ideas will then start to be put together."

The next meeting for the funding committee was held on Dec. 2 at 7 p.m.

"It was a great turnout," said Hunter. "People seem keen and interested in being involved."

Sundre mother seeks answers in son's death

by Dan Singleton

Sundre's Bev Dunbar and her family are asking anyone with information about her son's death a month ago to come forward. The family needs answers and only the public can help, she said.

"We do believe there is more evidence out there that hasn't come forward yet," said Dunbar.

More than a month has passed since Dunbar's son Joey, 18, was run over and killed on the Bergthall Road east of Didsbury.

RCMP still do not know why the deceased was lying face down on the roadway at the time of the accident.

"I guess we'll never exactly know why," Didsbury RCMP Sgt. Gerry Tonn said Thursday. "Our investigation concludes that he is there by his own hand and obviously we'll never know the reason why."

Police still have not received toxicology reports on the deceased, he said.

Joseph Michael O'Bray-Dunbar-Regush was killed

"All I know is that I don't believe he would have walked away. In my heart-of-hearts I just don't think he did."

Bev Dunbar, mother of Joseph Michael O'Bray-Dunbar-Regush

early on the morning of Oct. 10. Police were called to the accident scene at 6:40 a.m.

The deceased was seen by a male acquaintance at an outdoor party at Hillar's Dam, a rural area east of Olds, at about

12:30 or 1 a.m. The dam is about 12 kilometres northeast of the accident scene.

Dunbar says she doesn't believe her son would have just walked away from the party. "All I know is that I don't believe he would have walked away. In my heart-of-hearts I just don't think he did," she said.

Asked if police have ruled out foul play in the death, Sgt. Tonn said, "For all intents and purposes, yes. Our investigation didn't indicate that there was any foul play. Everything we have done to date indicates there's no foul play."

Asked if the investigation is concluded, Tonn said, "There's always room for any other information. No investigation is ever concluded to the point where we won't listen to any new information if it were to come available."

Anyone with information should call police at 335-3382.

OPINIONS EDITORIAL

Different ways of helping



TAMARA COLLINS
EDITORIAL

Last week when I received the letter from Lavonne Attwood I was very impressed at the giving hearts in this town. I thought that Lavonne does a wonderful thing delivering those donated goods to the Mustard Seed every week, and people are so wonderful for donating them. It is particularly important this time of year that people feel loved and cared for.

There are so many options to choose from when it comes to helping other people. You could donate things you no longer need. You could buy presents for those who

cannot afford it at Christmas. You could adopt a family. Volunteer preparing meals at the food bank. Donate money. Fill a shoe box and send it overseas. The options are endless.

This year my family is adopting a family through Aspen Family and Community Society. When you initially call to find out about the different families there are to choose from, each story truly touches your heart. The family we are adopting is made up of five children and two parents. One of the children is disabled, and the mother has cancer. The father doesn't have the best paying job, so they are forced to live in a trailer. This is very sad, yet the reality of many families today.

Adopting a family is a very easy process. You call the Society and they tell you about the different families they have, and you pick one. You then give the money to the Society and they go out and get everything for the family.

Giving the gift of Christmas itself, is the best gift to give. There are so many people who do not celebrate Christmas because they cannot. I challenge each of you to reach out and help someone else this Christmas however you can. Whether it be by donating a can of food, new toys, a sock filled with soap, adopting a family, or donating time. Reach out and make a difference in someone's life this year, and see the difference you feel in yourself.

Wonderings of the heart

by Margaret Fradley

Burden Bearers

Sometime ago talking with friends we began to share some more intimate topics; one in the group suggested we should not share our problems, concerns or worries with others, we should learn to deal with them, and take care of them ourselves. Each one his or her own.

This caused me to ponder, as I feel we have been called to bear one another's burdens, to be there for one another, to be a safe place for people to fall. When others are hurting or feel the need to share or just to talk, we should be available to them. We don't share at any time, or with anyone, but each of us needs someone with whom we can share those things close to our hearts. I believe as we come to realize we are not an island unto ourselves, but need to learn to be community, that there will be healing for each of us.

Some people feel by sharing they are 'bothering' others, but carrying a burden on our own, can drain us emotionally, be time consuming, and we begin to focus more and more on our situations, when we can share them, it seems to lessen the load, someone else cares enough to listen, and often that is all that is required, listening, but we each get a fresh perspective on things, we see things differently, and we can often move on from there.

Let us be sensitive to those around us, to their needs, and simply let them know we care.



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Alberta's Pandemic Response Plan

When it comes to preventing serious illness, having a well thought out plan is the best way to be prepared. With this in mind, the government of Alberta recently released its plan to manage the effects of a world-wide influenza epidemic, pandemic. The plan includes working closely with health officials worldwide to look for evidence of disease, ensuring rapid distribution of vaccine when it becomes available, expanding the capacity of the health care system so that it can manage the surge in patients during the pandemic and readying emergency planning services.

Three or four times per century, the influenza A virus undergoes a dramatic change that leads to a strain never seen before. Existing vaccines and immunity to other strains of the virus provide no protection for individuals. Three pandemics occurred during the last century, the Spanish Flu in 1918-19, the Asian Flu in 1957-58 and the Hong Kong Flu in 1968-69. During the Spanish Flu in 1919, 4000 Albertans died at a time when the population of the province was less than 60,000. Public health officials expect another pandemic to occur in the next five to 10 years.

Our plan aims to prevent or slow the spread of disease, minimize serious illness or death, and maintain essential community services. The plan also includes a public awareness campaign to inform Albertans of the potential effects in Alberta of an influenza pandemic, what the province will do to protect public health and minimize disruption to daily life, and what individuals can do to protect their own health.

The Government of Alberta has been working with Health Canada, the regional health authorities and municipalities to ensure the province can provide appropriate services during a pandemic.

The first test of this plan actually came last spring when the World Health Organization identified SARS. Health officials worldwide implemented surveillance strategies, shared information about the illness and how to minimize its spread. Alberta's successful response to SARS was in large part due to the availability of the pandemic influenza plan.

Information about pandemic influenza is available on the Government of Alberta's Web site at www.gov.ab.ca. Albertans can also call Alberta HealthLink at 1-866-408-LINK (5465).

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FROM THE MAILBAG

Loading the dice for the next election

Dear Editor,

"The dice appear to be loaded in favour of the proposed Progressive Conservative-Canadian Alliance merger," by accident or by design?

Delegates at two National General Meetings of the Progressive Conservative Party of Canada affirming that candidates would be fielded in all constituencies convinced those seeking merger with the Canadian Alliance the existing membership base had to be circumvented.

Did Peter MacKay come to believe that only through merger could a viable Opposition survive a Martin led Liberal sweep, thereby leading him

to disavow the position that he was not the merger candidate he'd taken during the whole of the Leadership campaign?

Or was it not coincidence that his "emissaries" in the secret talks were on his campaign literature? That he cancelled a law suit aimed at preserving "conservative" for the PC Party without any consultation with Party officials? That his on-again-off-again-relationship with Stephen Harper could have been lifted from a Harlequin romance?

By their Agreement in Principle the Progressive Conservative Party was to cease its independent existence, but how to get this approved?

Firstly, consider ending the Party no unusual circumstance to be decided by those who'd supported its Aims and Principles but, rather, accept as members those joining to terminate it.

Secondly, not a YES or NO choice to be voted on in each constituency, with delegates as in the Leadership Convention named proportionate to the vote, but rather reversion to the system whereby, as the Party President states "If you had 50 per cent plus one, you'd be able to control the (delegate selection) meeting."

Not by accident will Delegate Selection Meetings be controlled, nor the probable result be

an overwhelming vote for merger and the termination of the Progressive Conservative Party of Canada

The question then becomes, will the 1 566 998 Canadians who voted Progressive Conservative in Election 2000 ac-

cept their Party being ended through loaded dice and support the merger? Or not?

Yours truly,

Joe Hueglin

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Niagara Falls, Ontario

Christmas hampers

Dear Editor,

With the snow, the lights, and Midnight Madness behind us, Christmas is really on the count down. I want to thank all the businesses, service groups, schools, churches, organizations, families and individuals for your generous unselfish giving. Last year 90 hampers were given to the Didsbury area. Without everyone's help this could not have happened. Thank you from those who organized it and especially from those who received them.

Christmas Helpers was designed to help all individuals in the Didsbury area who for one reason or another find themselves in need of help at Christmas. If you know of anyone please contact Zion Evangelical Missionary Church (in Rosebud valley) at 335-3629 Mon. - Fri. or Linda Sirt at 335-4832 or 335-2378. All donations must be received by noon on Dec. 19th at Zion Evangelical Missionary Church.

Have time on your hands? Why not join the fun Sunday Dec. 21 at 2:30 at the Church and wrap gifts. A good family time and a great way to teach about the importance of giving.

NEEDED donations to buy turkeys and non perishable food, help to make up the boxes on Dec. 22 at 10:00, prayer & enthusiasm.

Finding yourself alone this Christmas? Join all the others in the same boat at the Elks Hall at 1:00 on Dec. 25 for dinner lovingly prepared, just for you, by a wonderful group of people who want to make your Christmas a Christmas to remember. Bring your appetite, a small wrapped unisex gift and a smile.

Questions? Just call 335-3629. Thanks in advance for all you do to make Didsbury a wonderful caring place to live and raise a family.

Sincerely,

Linda Sirt

Linda Regner

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TOWN OF DIDSBURY PUBLIC MEETINGS

• MPC: December 10, 2003 • Corporate Services: December 9, 2003
• Town Council: December 15, 2003 • Community Services: December 23, 2003

NOTICE

The Aquatic Centre will be closed on the following dates:
December 6 at 5pm & December 25 & 26 and January 1, 2004

NEW DEVELOPMENT PERMIT APPLICATIONS

The following Development Permits have been issued for the following proposed developments:
• DP 77-03 13 CO-OP Road Change of Use 11
Further information may be obtained at the Town Office, 2037 - 19 Ave. or by calling 335-3391. Persons wishing to appeal any of these decisions must do so in writing, with the appropriate fees, to the secretary, Development Appeal Board, prior to 4:30 p.m. on December 17, 2003 Robert Wigg - Development Officer.

ON THIS DAY.....DECEMBER 1, 1907

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This marks the date of the formation of 'The First Evangelical Lutheran Church of Didsbury' later to become known as the "St. Paul's Lutheran Church". By 1908 this congregation numbered 65 persons and by January 1909 they had built and dedicated a 30 foot church building at the cost of \$323.35. This church and cemetery were located two miles South and six miles West of Didsbury. (The picture below is that of first Lutheran Church and although it has long since disappeared, the cemetery is still at that location). During that same year (1908) the congregation's interest in education resulted in the establishment of a parochial school which continued to operate until at least 1915. Additional Lutheran services began in Didsbury about that time and in 1927 St. John's Lutheran Church was organized. It was during the 1940's that these two congregations merged to form the Didsbury Redeemer Lutheran Church.



New Hours of operation at the museum are: Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 12:30 - 4:30pm and Saturday 1:00-5:00pm. Meetings held second Wednesday of every month at 7:30 - Please join us!!

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When the officer attempted to pull the accused over he refused, instead driving slower and slower and eventually coming to a stop along the roadway.

When the officer asked Kang to exit the vehicle, he clutched the wheel and had to be pulled out, court heard.

An empty bottle of vodka was found on the seat beside the man.

"He kept saying I'm drunk and I'm sorry," prosecutor Danny Elliott told Judge Gilbert.

Kang admitted he was impaired by alcohol at the time of his arrest.

"You were very drunk, quite drunk at the time," said Judge Gilbert.

The judge fined Kang \$1,000 and prohibited him from driving for one year.

Drunk driver was giving friend ride home

An Olds College student who was giving a friend a ride home when she was stopped by police has been convicted of drunk driving.

Robin Deneigh Schmalz, 24, pleaded guilty on Nov. 24 to a charge of driving with a blood alcohol level greater than 80 mg per cent.

Schmalz was arrested in Olds on Oct. 26 at about 2 a.m. Her blood alcohol level at the time was 180 mg per cent court heard.

"I would like to apologize to my friend," said Schmalz.

Judge Gilbert said, "There was no accident, fortunately."

The judge fined Schmalz \$700 and prohibited her from driving for one year.

Drunk driver almost ran officer off road

A man who almost ran an RCMP cruiser off the road has been convicted of drunk driving.

Darren K. McKinnon pleaded guilty on Nov. 24 to a charge of driving with a blood alcohol level greater than 80 mg per cent.

McKinnon was travelling on a rural road near Olds on Oct. 8 when he crossed over the centre line and almost hit the approaching police vehicle, court heard.

McKinnon's blood alcohol level was 120 mg per cent.

"I'd like to apologize for my bad driving," said McKinnon. "I'm glad I didn't hit anyone."

Judge Gilbert fined McKinnon \$625 and prohibited him from driving for one year.

Speeder fined for drunk driving

A 33-year-old Sundre man who attracted the attention of police when he sped through

Sundre early on the morning of June 3 has been convicted of drunk driving.

Timothy Robert Romich pleaded guilty to a charge of driving with a blood alcohol level greater than 80 mg per cent.

The accused was stopped outside a residence in Sundre after a patrolling police officer spotted and followed him, court heard.

His blood alcohol level was 100 mg per cent at the time of his arrest.

"I made a bad decision that night," said Romich.

The judge fined him \$625 and prohibited him from driving for one year.

Man stole from bank, friend

A 19-year-old man who stole \$1,000 from a Carstairs bank and \$400 more from a friend has been handed a conditional sentence.

John Edward Vickers pleaded guilty on Nov. 24 to charges of fraud and shoplifting.

Vickers made empty-envelope deposits at the Bank of Montreal in Carstairs on Jan.

8 and Jan. 10, and then withdrew \$1,000 total, court heard.

He also defrauded a friend by giving her a worthless cheque made out for \$400 cash.

Vickers also admitted stealing pots and pans from a Calgary store last February.

Judge Gilbert handed the accused a one year conditional sentence. The sentence includes a strict curfew, an order to pay restitution, and a further order to complete 30 hours of community service.

Fined for possession of stolen fishing tackle

A man who pawned a stolen fishing tackle box at the Sundre store for \$40 has been fined.

Warren Richard Welsh pleaded guilty on Nov. 24 to a charge of possession of stolen property.

Welsh pawned the item on July 10, court heard. Days later the rightful owner found the item in the shop and called police.

Judge Gilbert fined Welsh \$200 and order him to pay \$40 to the pawn shop.



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Aspen Lodge Fund-raising Gala a success

by Tamara Collins
Didsbury Review

Aspen Ridge Fund-raising Gala was held Saturday night at the Memorial Complex. 320 people attended the event. Between ticket sales, raffles, and auctions, the Mountain View Housing Foundation raised well over their \$14,000 goal.

"It exceeded our wildest dreams," said Chris Whittaker, president of the Foundation. "It surpassed all expectations."

The exact figure of the money raised is not in yet, but success is already felt.

The evening began at 5 p.m. when cocktails were served, and seats were taken. All the guests had arrived just after 6 p.m. and shortly after that dinner was served.

"Theresa McNeil catered the meal," said Whittaker. "It was just fantastic, and she gave us a great deal."

After the buffet dinner, the first raffle of the night took place. Following that was the live auction.

"It was amazing the way everyone got on board," said Whittaker. "We received an awful lot of positive comments."

Didsbury Fire Department volunteered to work the bar. Sharon Israelson headed up a volunteer decorating team. The Town rented the facility to the Foundation for half the regular price.

"Everyone was so great," said Whittaker. "The first year was good, but this year was fantastic. Everyone likes to dress up and get out."

Throughout the night a silent auction took place, items for the auction were donated by local people and businesses.

Many businesses, such as Didsbury Drugs, used the Gala as their Christmas party. Sunday volunteers were back at it, cleaning up after the big night.

"It was quite the event, we will definitely be doing this again next year," said Whittaker. "People really came together, it's what small towns are all about."



photo by Tamara Collins

The Aspen Ridge Lodge Fund-raising Gala was held Saturday night at the Memorial Complex. Over 320 attended, helping the Mountain View Housing Committee raise over their \$14,000 goal.

Santa's helpers on the go

by Tamara Collins
Didsbury Review

For the past 22 years Didsbury has welcomed Santa's helpers to donate, organize, wrap and deliver presents and food to those who need a little extra help.

Linda Sirr and Linda Regner started making hampers for those families who needed help at Christmas many years ago. 22 years ago they decided to get the whole town involved, accepting donations and time from those who wanted to help.

"Every year it is a big success," said Sirr. "People always donate enough, this town is very giving."

Imperishable food items are expected at the Zion Evangelical Missionary Church. If you wish to donate an unwrapped new or gently used toy, you can drop them off at the Post Office. Another option to help is donating money,

which will be spent on food for a family.

"All donations must be dropped off by Dec. 19, at noon," said Sirr. "This year we are doing an estimated ninety hampers."

On Sunday, Dec. 21, everyone is invited to help wrap the donations received at the church.

"It is a great time," said Sirr. "Everyone gets right into it, we make cards for the families, wishing them the best. It is very enjoyable."

Hampers will be delivered on Dec. 22 in the afternoon, they go to families in the Didsbury area. Olds and Carstairs have their own program.

Any families interested in receiving a hamper this year can contact the Zion Church.

"The hardest part of this is getting those who need help to come forward and admit it," said Sirr. "All they need to do is ask."

Mountain View County notes

by Carla Victor
Olds Albertan

Mountain View Seniors Housing approached Mountain View County Council with a request to borrow an additional \$300,000 for the Aspen Ridge Lodge project through the Alberta Capital Finance Authority.

This would amend the previous bylaw allowing council to borrow \$3 million for the completion of the project currently being built in Didsbury.

Councillor Charlie Van Arnham explained the extra money would be used to complete 8 suites that were not scheduled for completion when the first bylaw was approved.

Looking at the waiting list for accommodations already in place for the building, Mountain View Seniors Housing decided to go ahead with the plans for eight new suites in the basement which had originally been intended as a later addition to the seniors home.

Depending on fund-raising,

the board is hopeful they will not need the full \$300,000.

Gwen Day approached Council on behalf of FORCES (Friends of Rescuing Carstairs Elevator Society), asking for support, financial and in principle, for their efforts to save the Carstairs Elevator.

Council voted to write a letter of support for FORCES and will look at financial support, in the form of a one-time donation and annual funding, at a later date.

Mountain View County voted to write a letter of support for a Special Olympics Alberta 2005 Provincial Games bid being headed up by John Palardy of Olds.

Mountain View County will apply for a Regional Partnership Initiative Exploration grant from Municipal Affairs on behalf of the county and its five urban municipalities.

On the condition MVC receives approval from its five municipalities they will be asking for a \$75,000 grant to review a regional partnership initiative.



photo submitted

Donation from the Royal Purple

Honoured Royal, Lady Joan Hannah, of the Ladies of the Royal Purple Didsbury Lodge #317 presented Chris Whittaker, president of the Mountain View Housing Foundation, with a cheque for \$1,000. This donation is to help with the Aspen Ridge Lodge.

UNICEF helping children

by Tamara Collins
Didsbury Review

Once again UNICEF has launched its Christmas campaign. For the first year UNICEF cards are available on-line at www.shopunicef.ca.

"For those people in small towns and communities, such as Didsbury," said Holly Davidson, UNICEF Alberta regional Director, "This new on-line catalogue is a great thing. We are hoping it will help those wishing to support UNICEF, and make it easier for them."

UNICEF is the largest non-profit greeting card retailer in the world, raising over \$130 million US every year through card sales profits alone. All net proceeds from the sale of the cards and gifts directly fund the UNICEF programs.

"In Alberta and the Territories," said Davidson, "Our goal is to raise \$400,000. Our national goal is \$6 million."

Last year Canadians purchased four million cards, helping UNICEF

raise \$5.8 million. This year's card collection features works of renowned international and Canadian artists such as Katerina Mertikas, Louise Lacourse and Rod Charlesworth. Artists and galleries donate their art designs to UNICEF for reproduction on the cards.

UNICEF works for and with children in 158 countries and territories, advocating for children's rights, ensuring their basic needs are met and enabling them to reach their full potential. They believe that the survival, protection and development of children must be a global priority, and that every child has the right to health, education, equality and protection.

"We do not ship our cards to the smaller communities because of the shipping costs," said Davidson. "We send to the larger places, such as Red Deer or Calgary, to keep costs down. Those are the closest places for people in Didsbury to purchase them."

Since the first Canadian card sales in 1959, over 150 million cards have been sold in Canada. They also sell a large selection of gift items.

Some examples of how the money raised is used, mini tea lights sell for \$10, this money is used for basic school supplies for four children, including notebooks, pencils, rulers, erasers and scissors. \$13 is raised from a pack of cards, that money vaccinates 154 children from the measles. A teddy bear sells for \$25, that \$25 buys 500 litres of clean drinking water for children.

"All the money goes to very important things," said Davidson. "Each dollar you spend on UNICEF makes a difference in a child's life."

UNICEF is funded by the voluntary contributions of individuals, foundations, businesses and governments. Through fund-raising and education, UNICEF Canada is dedicated to improving the lives of children around the world.

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Bringing back the caribou

The woodland caribou of Alberta's boreal forest successfully adapted to the harsh climate, the limited stocks of the slow-growing lichens that nourish them, and the constant threat of wolves. But by the 1980s, they were in trouble. The herds – never large – had declined to the point where Alberta listed them as a threatened species.

Few scientists had studied the woodland caribou, but most suspected that increased industrial activity was affecting their numbers. Research showed that the long, straight roads and trails made caribou much more vulnerable to successful attacks by predators and hunters.

In the last 15 years, the oil and gas industry has focused on reducing its impact on the land and on wildlife. Through new technology such as today's low impact seismic techniques, companies can explore for new petroleum reserves with little effect on caribou populations.

The petroleum industry has also joined forces with forestry companies, federal and provincial agencies, local governments and northern communities to see if restoring the original caribou habitat would benefit the caribou. In coordinated pilot projects, planning between industries has decreased the impact of roads built and routes chosen. Furthermore, support for a research project to determine the best approach to replanting of old rights-of-way has led to almost 100,000 trees being planted along rights-of-way in a single year.

Matt Besko, the Species at Risk Biologist with Alberta Sustainable Resource Development, says "With industry's help, we have been able to test habitat restoration techniques that not only block lines of sight visually and physically, but more importantly restore the biophysical capability of the area. If we are successful in our efforts to restore seismic cutlines, that will represent a lot of renewed habitat for caribou. Now our research is turning to understanding how predators use old seismic lines. Industry continues to support our efforts to reduce industrial impacts, restore caribou habitat, and educate the public."



Industry is working on reducing its impact on the Woodland Caribou through new technology and collaboration with other industries and government.

Water use – good stories outweigh the bad

Robert Harrison of Alberta Environment knows a thing or two about water use by the petroleum industry. In fact, he knows a lot about everybody's use of water in Alberta. That's because he has spent the past two years with the province's Water for Life initiative, listening to stakeholders and gathering the facts on how we actually use our water.

"When it comes to the petroleum industry," says Harrison, "I know the good stories of water management outweigh the bad. The industry has made real progress in recent years."

The Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers (CAPP) agrees. CAPP, which represents the upstream companies responsible for most of Canada's oil and gas production, has been gathering industry-wide data on water usage and practices. In the process, it has documented that petroleum producers use less than five per cent of all water licensed for diversion in Alberta.

CAPP and industry have also been sharing ideas and discovering innovative processes and technologies that help conserve water. At Cold Lake, for example, Imperial has dropped its water consumption from three cubic metres of fresh water per cubic metre of oil to less than half a cubic metre. And near Sylvan Lake, Petro-Canada's ingenuity has enabled the company to conserve water and protect the environment by using solar power to remove salt from produced water.

Despite good news like this, Harrison is convinced that no user of water – whether it's the petroleum industry, agriculture or municipal corporations – is telling their story well. It would help if they did. Exposure to innovative practices can make all water users more responsible.

CAPP President Pierre Alvarez says, "We are documenting and sharing the industry's best water management practices as part of CAPP's Stewardship initiative. Whether the issue is water, emissions or landuse, we are working continuously to not only improve industry performance, but to also talk about it."

Stories of water management illustrate innovative practices and can make all water users more responsible.



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NEIGHBORHOOD

LETTERS FROM NIGERIA

The story of the Snyders and their adventures

Dear family and friends,

Happy belated Thanksgiving to those in the US. We celebrated Thanksgiving with the Baptist missionaries on Saturday. Since it is not a holiday here, trying to celebrate on Thursday makes for a very busy, hectic schedule since the Senior play also started that night. Turkey is not readily available here so we had chicken but we had many of the traditional "fixin's" such as cranberry sauce, pumpkin pies, pecan pies, home-made buns, mashed potatoes and gravy and lots of vegetables and salad.

We had some non-traditional things like watermelon as well. Besides good food and eating too much we had a time of expressing thanks to God for the many blessings that we had received this past year. We also had a "send-off" for one mission family that will be leaving in just over a week. Pattie has been running the mission guest house and has done a great job. We will miss her and her daughters. Most of us stayed around the hostel visiting for several hours before going home so it was a very enjoyable day. There were enough left overs that all who wanted could take enough for another meal so we will be having chicken and "fixin's" on Monday as well.

After weeks of rehearsals, the Senior class (grade 12) present "The Mouse That Roared". We went on Thursday night and really enjoyed it.

The kids did a great job. It was funny and entertaining. It is always fun to see the student assume other characters

and do things outside their normal behaviors. Some of the characters were so perfectly matched to the students that it was easy to imagine what they will be like when they get older.

Monday and Tuesday last week were holidays for the end of Ramadan, the Muslim month of fasting. It couldn't have come at a better time. We were all feeling tired and overwhelmed with all the things we had to do. So many of the people I talked to were thankful for the time off. It made the difference between stress and little sleep and getting enough done to feel like we were in control again.

Students caught up with homework and staff had time to get ready for the last few weeks of school. Dan was gone so I did things at home and at school that needed to be done but kept getting put off because of other more urgent things. I feel like I have things under control for the end of the semester.

Dan, along with several other men went with Larry T. up to Kano to pack up the house of one of the Baptist mission families. The family went home for furlough but has had to stay longer for medical reasons and does not know when they will

be coming back.

The lease on their house was ending and without knowing when or if they would be returning the mission didn't want to pay for another year or two of rent. The house had been empty for about 16 months so everything was dusty.

The guys left early Monday morning and by early evening on Tuesday they had everything packed and loaded on the trucks for transport to Jos where it will be stored in an ocean freight container until the family returns. There was only one major glitch in the whole process. Larry thought Michael had the keys to the truck they were going to use to move the stuff and Michael thought Larry had the keys so they arrived without keys.

They had to break the steering wheel lock and hot wire the truck. Somehow the papers (ownership, insurance etc.) on the truck also got lost. It is never good to drive in Nigeria without your "particulars" (papers) so we all did a lot of praying that Michael would make it back to Jos without any hassles from the authorities. God answers prayer. He had no problems getting back and was able to get duplicate

papers in about 2 days.

We are the "foster parents" of an African Grey parrot. We will be taking care of the bird, named Jo Bird, for the next year and a half while her owners are on a leave of absence from the mission. We are really enjoying having Jo Bird.

When our bird died last summer we really missed her and have continued to miss having a pet around. Jo Bird is still adjusting to being at our house and we are adjusting to her.

She talks alot and sometimes the noises she makes are hard to distinguish from someone at the door.

Twice in the last two days someone has come to the door and we thought it was the bird making noise and ignored them until they called out again.

Soon, hopefully, we will learn to recognize her noise and speaking and

not be so rude to our friends by leaving them standing at the door.

The busy time of the year is upon us. As we prepare for the end of the first semester there are lots of extra activities going on. There are also lots of special services and gatherings for the holidays.

Please pray for the students and staff as we juggle many activities and

prepare for semester exams. Pray for the new teachers that will be coming for next semester. Many of them are now beginning the hard task of packing and finishing up what they are doing now. They will soon be saying goodbyes to family and friends - never an easy thing to do.

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NEIGHBORHOOD

AROUND THE CIRCLE

St. Anthony's choral group will present the Joyous Sounds of Christmas

by Marge St. Claire

Thurs. Dec. 4

All seniors in town and the district are welcome to Eldon Foote Hall (Train Station) from 1:00 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Birthday cake will be served to all and there will be a sing a long with Doreen McEwen on the piano.

Enjoy this get together in a smoke free, wheelchair accessible environment.

Thurs. Dec. 4

The ladies of Zion EM Church are having a Christmas tea at 7:00 p.m. come and bring a friend.

Fri. Dec. 5

Come to the 5-0 Club to play cribbage, play starts at 7:00 p.m.

Everyone welcome, coffee & goodies to finish up the evening.

Sat. Dec. 6

You are invited to Bergthal Mennonite Church from 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. to celebrate the "Reason for the Season" a display of Nativity Scenes.

Deb at 337-2487 has more info.

Sat. Dec. 6

Andrea McCulloch Christmas Recital at 7:30 p.m. at Zion Evangelical Missionary Church in Rosebud Valley.

Admission at the door. Everyone welcome.

Sat. Dec. 6

Everyone is welcome to come to the Carstairs I.O.D.E. Thrift Shop to the Christmas Sale from 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Lots of gifts and some baking. Call Marie at 337-2854 if you need more details.

Sat. Dec. 6

There will be a candlelight vigil at 7:00 p.m. at Knox United Church to raise awareness of the violence against women.

Prayers will be said in remembrance of 14 women killed in 1989 in Montreal.

A free will offering will be donated to the Red Deer Women's Shelter. Men and Women are all welcome.

The Didsbury Aquatic Centre will be closed Sat. 6th at 5 p.m. The Centre will also be closed Dec. 25 & 26 and New Years Day Jan. 1/04.

Sun. Dec. 7

All former residents of the Westerdale District & families are invited to the "Santa's

Coming" Christmas Party at Westerdale Hall at 12:30 p.m.

Please bring a favorite dish of salad or dessert & meat dish for the pot luck dinner and spend the afternoon in lots of fun activities.

Sun. Dec. 7

The Tree of Hope Lighting Ceremony will be at 7:00 p.m.

The Tree is in front of Continuing Care Unit 4 (Nursing Home) at the West end of the Hospital Complex.

There will be music, hot chocolate, coffee and snacks.

All donations received are used for palliative care to individuals in the communities.

If you plan to go on the Community Bus Trip on Wed. Dec. 17 leaving the 5-0 Centre at 4:30 to see the Christmas Lights, get your reservation in to Bea 335-3058 or Gen 335-3449.

Supper will be in Innisfail (your cost).

Sun. Dec. 7

St. Anthony's Choral Group are presenting the Joyous Sounds of Christmas at 7:00 p.m. at St. Anthony's Catholic Church.

Carols and Christmas songs, Sing along. Lunch and refreshments to follow, free admission.

Mon. Dec. 8

The Didsbury Lifeline Society will meet at 10:00 a.m. at the Town Office.

Anyone interested in a Lifeline is welcome to attend.

Wed. Dec. 10

The Christmas Pot Luck dinner is being held at the 5-0 Club at 12:30 p.m.

The meat is supplied and the salads, veggies or desserts that you bring will all add up to a wonderful meal.

The Rural Christmas lights will be judged this year, please phone your name and address to Joelle at the Chamber office 335-3635.

Didsbury residents are automatically entered, judging will take place between Dec. 8 - 10th between 7:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.

Winners receive engraved plaques from the Chamber of Commerce.

Fri. Dec. 12

Plan to enjoy the evening at Lone Pine Hall by getting your tickets from Glenda 335-9953 or Vern 335-4436 to attend the Annual Christmas Banquet for the Mountain

View E.M. Church at 7:00 p.m. A local group "Like Father, Like Son" will entertain you with Southern Gospel, Christmas songs and a sing a long.

Tues. Dec. 16

Dr. Nugents monthly foot clinic will be at the 5-0 Centre from 1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

No appointment necessary.

Bancroft W. I

by Eva Page

Seven members & four visitors met at the home of Debbie Swanson on Nov. 10th at 12 noon for our Ethnic Dinner. We enjoyed many tasty dishes as well as wonderful desserts. With full tummies we began our meeting at 1:30 & welcomed 2 members from Lone Pine W.I. as well as our Constituency Convenor Theresa McNeil & our guest speaker Darlene Hallet. Our hostess chose the song "Daisy". We recorded our W.I. hours from June - Nov. a total of 231

hours!! Our objective was 11¢ for Remembrance Day plus 2¢ for every grandchild. Only 3 members were able to help with the tea at the Carstairs Lodge due to snow & icy roads, however those 3 dressed in Halloween costumes & served angel food cake, strawberries & ice cream. A report was received from Daniel Fisher our caretaker at Midway Park. One table was damaged & the fire pits should be replaced over the next few years. The spillway looks good. One toilet is in rough shape. A thank-you will be sent to the County for the work done on the

spillway with special thanks to Councillor Ben Penner.

Correspondence was a letter for President Mildred Lutz regarding F.W.I.C. Conference which will be held in Alberta in 2006. Report on the Executive meeting was given. There are only 4 Girls Clubs in Alberta. Conference is on April 1st with Judging & set-up on March 31st. Our Home Ec. special will be #24-2 Crust Pie.

At our December meeting we are each to bring 4 dozen cookies & updated our cookie list.

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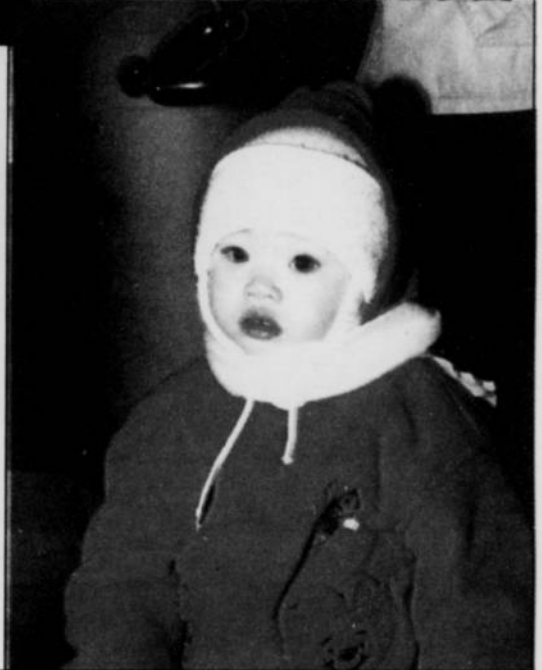
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Didsbury's 2003 Country Christmas



NEIGHBORHOOD

Didsbury Ag Society Notes

by Marge St. Clair

1. At this meeting, the Ag Society was presented with a special plaque from the Town of Didsbury for the Grand Opening of the Exhibition Grounds. Representing the Town were Rhonda Hunter, Judy Kaupp & Clem Kuelker.

2. The tour of the grounds with Bearden Engineering was great.

3. The members worked a casino.

4. The Christmas Farmers Market was a great success.

5. Our annual Farmers Market membership will be renewed.

6. Two members attended the Ralph Klein dinner at Olds College.

7. The A.A.A.S. Convention is in Edmonton

Feb. 20/22/04. Anyone interested in attending please let Connie know by Jan. 10/04.

8. The Annual General meeting will be held Sun. Jan. 4, 7:30 p.m. at the Curling Rink. Election of officers, membership renewal, with a social evening to follow.

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Mount View Lodge News

by Annie Caush

We don't like the weather, but in spite of the cold we have had several special events. We had the November Birthday Party last week. Carol Gorsline and a friend provided wonderful entertainment and of course we enjoyed cake and coffee after. Those celebrating November Birthdays are Gladys Abra, Yvonne Craig, Ivy Holmes,

Ragnild Moritz and Bill Lowry. Best wishes all!

In spite of the cold a number of brave souls joined the other Lodges on a bus trip to Red Deer. They had a good time.

One very cold afternoon a good group of ladies from the United Church came and led us in singing old songs and then served us a lovely lunch. Thanks everyone!

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	 Great location, commercial or residential property. Some office space is rented, more available, basement could be suite revenue. \$121,900	 3 bedroom home, large lot, nicely landscaped, treed lot with garden. Home is well cared for with some upgrades, single garage. \$125,900	 SOLD Renovated older home, hardwood floors, and new ceramic tile, french doors, single attached garage, in Didsbury. \$129,900	 Cozy older classic home, major upgrades, windows, kitchen cabinets, in Didsbury. \$139,900	 Curt appeal. 1150 sf bungalow in Didsbury. Fully developed with double garage, large covered deck, all fenced. \$145,900	 Large 5 bedroom, double attached garage, on two lots, close to shopping & schools. Lovely landscape, treed lot. \$145,900	 Great Westhill location on quiet street. Backs onto park. 40drrm bungalow, large ddr garage 26'x33' on large pie shaped lot. \$149,900
	 Beautiful character home, lots of upgrades, hardwood floors, french doors to living room, feature wall with gas fireplace. \$154,900	 Bi Level in excellent condition in Didsbury. Large double garage. Nice landscaping, low maintenance yard. \$159,900	 Beautiful treed & landscaped lot, oversized garage, great location for home run business. \$179,900	 REDUCED Lovely 5 bedroom home hardwood floors, vaulted ceilings, large bay window, on large lot in Didsbury. \$179,900	 REDUCED Newer 1400 sf home in West Ridge, Didsbury. Lots of oak cabinets and many extras. \$182,500	 New 1359 sf. 2 bedroom home that maximizes use of space with an open floor plan in Didsbury. \$189,900	 New custom built 45 plus homes in Didsbury. Two bedrooms, oak cabinets, gas fire place, tiled front entrance, vaulted ceilings, some wheel chair accessible and many extras. Priced from \$131,900 to \$135,900.
 One of a kind, 2000 sf bungalow in Didsbury. Located on double lot with single attached and double attached & detached garage. \$223,900	PRIME INDUSTRIAL Lots in Town of Didsbury .59 and 1.33 acres Priced \$34,500 to \$42,000 + GST	 Prime commercial space on Main Street Didsbury. 3,380 sf with good front exposure. \$159,900	FARM & ACREAGES Lovely 6 bedroom home on 2 acres close to Didsbury. New hardwood floors, skylight, fireplace, double attached garage, shop, many extras. \$354,900	 158 acres, good 1/4 section on hardtop just East of Didsbury. 120 cultivated, dugout \$221,200	 Fantastic 47 acres seeded to hay. Great building sites for walkout & maybe potential for further subdivisions, close to Didsbury. \$184,500	PLEASE HELP US... We need your listings NOW!!!	

"Prairie Giant" a symbol of pride

by Carla Victor
Olds Albertan

In their time, Alberta's grain elevators stood strong, a symbol of wealth and community. The number of elevators in one community was an indication of that area's strength in agriculture.

In Carstairs the last one of seven still stands and continues to symbolize its people and their dedication and pride in heritage and agriculture.

FORCES (Friends of Rescuing Carstairs Elevator Society) began fund-raising 18 months ago. They have successfully raised \$10,000 needed to secure a bond on the Agricore-owned elevator, slated for demolition January, 2003. FORCES is currently raising the funds needed to purchase the land it sits on from CP Rail.

Gwen Day, FORCES chairperson, said the elevator hasn't

been saved yet, but just about.

"It isn't saved yet, not until we sign the contract with Agricore but now the bond has been raised we should be there before the end of the year."

Day expressed her pride in the community that rallied around their last elevator and encourages those who didn't think it could be done, to get on board.

"I believe this is something all our community should look at, the value of it is immeasurable," said Day.

Carstairs original elevator was built on that site in 1905.

The last remaining elevator was rebuilt on that same site in 1976. An annex built in 1949 remains in place.

To rebuild this elevator today, it would cost as much as \$900,000, said Day.

Since High River's elevator burned to the ground earlier this year, Carstairs' elevator is now the closest in proximity to

Calgary.

Currently FORCES is applying to Alberta Historic Development Resources in hopes of securing a grant they will need for restoration of the building.

It is just one of the many "next steps" FORCES will have to undertake before the elevator is truly safe.

FORCES needs to raise approximately \$25,000 (to add to the more than \$17,000 already raised) to buy the land from CPR. Any grant money received from the provincial government will be used to clear, clean and preserve the building. FORCES has not decided on future uses for the elevator.

FORCES is considering using the elevator to make a tribute to Henry Wise Wood, a man from Carstairs who spent his life fighting for fair prices for Alberta's farmers.

Henry Wise Wood moved to Carstairs in 1905, the same year

the first elevator was built there. He became the founding member and first president of Alberta Wheat Pool in 1926.

"We want to credit his drive and passion to protect farmers and we feel it is a perfect example of how we feel about Alberta's elevators," said Day. "I can definitely see one or two walls dedicated to Henry Wise Wood's history in Carstairs."

As for plans with the rest of the building, the sky is the limit.

"It is unlimited, the uses it could have."

Plans could include a coffee house or restaurant and tourist or information booth in the office.

The annex could be used as an amphitheatre, gallery or artist's studio. The main elevator would remain the same, preserved as a tourist site and an Agriculture Education Centre.

Being the closest grain elevator to Calgary, Day foresees

many educational tours for students of Central Alberta.

"This is such a unique opportunity for our town and county. There are so few elevators left. We have to take pride in the fact we still have one and make use of it as a tourist attraction."

FORCES made a presentation to Mountain View County Council, Nov. 26, in hopes of obtaining the county's support for their efforts.

"We have a rich culture wrapped up in this building," Day told Councillors.

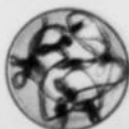
"We need your support, financially and in principle."

Councillors will write a letter of recommendation to support FORCES grant application. They will discuss monetary support at a later date.

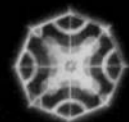
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NEIGHBORHOOD

Cremona Lions: Fall 2003 Update

by Charlie Bird and Ken Naidoo

September 22: Regular Meeting.

Terry Fox Foundation: At the request of Mary Thomson our Club donated \$300 towards this worthy cause.

Lions/Legion Golf Tournament: The tournament was held at the Tooth of the Dogpound Course. It was highly successful, though participation by our Lions was numerically rather low. The subsequent 'festivities' at the Legion Hall were in true Lions/Legion tradition, and went off really well.

Our appreciation goes to the 'Legionnaires' for being such excellent hosts.

Mountain View Senior Housing Project (aka 'Aspen Lodge'): This major undertaking received a donation of \$7,000 from our club. On hand to accept it on behalf of the Lodge was Lion Chris Whittaker from Didsbury. The project, which has a total of 58 double and single units, is a much needed facility for our Seniors.

October 13: Regular Meeting
Student Exchange (AUS-TRALIA): A card from Carmen Croft was received, thanking us for our donation. We are certain that you will benefit from your experience, Carmen. Please keep in touch.

Encounters Canada (Terry

Fox): A request was received from Kim Leask and Ryan Neilson for funds to attend this event in Ottawa. The meeting agreed on a donation for each of the applicants.

Cremona Lions Volunteerism Scholarship: A note of thanks was received from Joel Hibbard for our contribution towards this scholarship.

October 27: Regular Meeting

Jokes are an important aspect of our Lions meetings. They help set the tone for serious matters to come. Over time Lion Dave has fine tuned his excellent jokes to the extent that a cheerleading section requests another of these. In his latest foray into 'jokedom', a brilliantly dressed 'green' lady comes to the attention of our 'Billy'. A shortage of space prevents my giving full details of this joke, but any Lion will retell the story for a small donation to the club coffers (just kidding).

English 33/Social Studies 33 Scholarship: A donation was made in this regard. Worthy recipients were Kent Quigley, Tiffany Tiesson and Kelly Sheehan.

Good News: Lion Jim MacArthur is well again, and

at home now, according to Lion Chuck Holbrook. We miss you, Jim. Come back soon and bring that sunny smile back with you.

Terry Fox Run: Thanks was received from participant Peggy Good for our contribution.

Lions Auction: Lion Bruce Roy stated how much he appreciated the assistance he and his committee received for this event. He particularly mentioned that canvassers who did an excellent job this year.

Special mention was made of Lion Larry Steeves, who was to be commended for his work in pricing the various items that were donated; and Lion Russell Simpson for his assistance in a variety of ways. Our Lions Ladies too pitched in to help. Of course there were many other Lions, too numerous to mention by name, who rendered sterling service to make the Auction a success.

The businesses in Cremona and the outlying areas, such as Sundre, Olds, Didsbury and Carstairs deserve recognition for their donations of new items. Not to be forgotten are those from the community who made donations, as well as for purchasing various items. Our auctioneer Dwight Boychuk as usual donated his services without charge and did an excellent job in ensuring that we

got the best possible prices for the items on display. Preliminary figures suggest a total of some \$8,500 was collected for the auction.

One Final Note: While we appreciate the donation of many excellent items for sale, some donations, however, left something to be desired.

Cremona Hallboard Fundraiser: The Cremona Lions are a major supporter of this organization. This annual fund-raising event will be held on Saturday, November 22, 2003. At a reasonable \$20 per person, tickets for the show are almost sold out. Get yours before it is too late.

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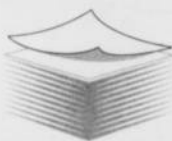
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Farmer's bonspiel just around the corner

You'll want to be sure to add this to your list of things to do before Christmas...

Registrations are now being accepted for the 10th Anniversary of the annual Didsbury Farm and Ranch Bonspiel January 5th - 10th.

Chairman of the Organizing Committee, Harry Reese, says if last year's bonspiel is any indication, it won't take long before all 48 rinks are once again filled in the popular event. "Entries are open until December 20th, so there's really not that much time to register before the busy Christmas season is upon us."

Although the bonspiel will take place at the Didsbury Curling Club, entrants can come

from virtually any town in the surrounding district. "There are no boundaries this year. Anyone can enter providing they farm somewhere in the surrounding area."

Each team will be comprised of three "rural" players (farm and ranch) and one "town" player (usually a sponsor from one of the local businesses). Each year one team is set aside solely for the sponsors. "It gives people a chance to get to know one another and it can make for some pretty fun games."

Sponsorship for the bonspiel comes from throughout the region. "Because it's open to curlers from all around the area, we canvass

businesses in Didsbury, Olds, Carstairs...pretty much everywhere in this area. All sponsorship donations, Reese explains, are used to purchase prizes for the event. "Some of the donations we receive are gift certificates for services, which is fine too. We are thankful to receive any donation...cash or otherwise."

As a special thank-you to sponsors this year organizers of the bonspiel have made available five breakfasts (for a loonie each) or five lunches (for a twoonie each) at the Curling Rink. "This offer is open to all who curl in the bonspiel as well," explains Reese. "We just thought it would be a nice feature to help bring business

owners down and see some of the matches."

Included in the bonspiel this year will once again be a special wrap-up banquet night on Saturday, January 10th. Along with the traditional 'pick-a-prize' table, Reese says there will also be a few extra prizes for curlers to vie for as part of the 10th anniversary festivities. "We have a few special draws for curlers at the banquet night but we are trying to keep them as a surprise," he says adding that all curlers would be eligible for the anniversary prizes.

The cost of entering in the bonspiel is \$80.00 per rink and curlers are guaranteed four games. Anyone interested in registering curlers for the event

or in sponsoring prizes at the event can contact Harry Reese at 335-3181.



Save all those bottles for the Scouts



Jerry Samoisette & Linda Rose

Hang onto those bottles you'll likely be collecting after the holidays this year. The First Didsbury Scouting Group will gladly pick them up right from your home as part of a **post-Christmas Bottle Drive Saturday, January 10th.**

"We will be going around to houses in town to collect bottles throughout most of the day...all you have to do is have them out on your front step or lawn and we'll come by and pick them up," says Didsbury Scouting Representative, Judy

Newsome.

Newsome apologizes to any residents who may have taken the time and effort to put out their bottles for their last bottle drive back in November.

"Because of unsafe weather conditions, we had to cancel that event and are sorry to those who made the effort to clean out their garage to donate to us then...it was just one of those things. You can't count on the weather."

Also included in the Bottle Drive will be a free phonebook pick-up service by the Scouts.

"Anyone having old phonebooks that they would like to get rid of can give them to us when we come around for the bottles and we'll see that they get recycled," Newsome adds that residents can also drop off unwanted phone books at the train station during Scouts each Monday night between 7:00 pm and 8:00 pm or at the Sears catalogue outlet in town.

This holiday season has been especially busy for Scouting members. Anything from holding a Christmas Gift Sale to

taking gourmet popcorn orders and selling cotton candy and treats at the Train Station during the Didsbury Country Christmas event. "Thank you to everyone who has supported us so well and so often these past few weeks. It's been great." Newsome adds that popcorn orders will be delivered over the next couple weeks. "If you don't get your order by then, give us a call and we'll do our best to track it down."

The First Didsbury Scouting Group would like to wish everyone a happy holiday season.

Celebrate the sounds of Christmas with DHS

Who among us can imagine a Christmas without music? Certainly not members of the Didsbury High School Music Department!

They have been practicing for weeks perfecting the most beautiful sounds of the season in time for their **Annual Christmas Concert/Silent Auction/Tea event Sunday, December 14th at 2:00 pm** in the Westglen School Gym.

Admission is by donation and offers enough festive holiday music to fill even the most Scrooge-like of hearts among us.

DHS Music Director, Kirk Wassmer, says he's delighted to present an event for the community with students who are so willing to work hard to produce high-caliber music.

All told, over 100 students will be involved in the musical event.

Included in the line-up of presentations will be the Grade 9 Concert Band, the Senior Concert Band, the Jazz Ensemble and the DHS Choir (conducted by Jeannie Hunter).

Parents involved with the Didsbury Music Society will be

organizing the "Tea" portion of the event which promises to include a delicious array of festive desserts from which to choose.

Patrons will be pleased to note the broad selection of items to bid on at the Silent Auction this year.

"We have been canvassing businesses for quite some time and should have a pretty good selection this year," says Wassmer.

This is one of our main fundraisers for the year. It's always great to be supported by local businesses...much appre-

ciated."

Apart from great food and entertainment, Wassmer says the afternoon offers a great opportunity to become entranced by the sights and sounds of the season.

"We will have the gym all decorated like we did last year...come out early, it's really a beautiful way to spend the afternoon."

Admission for the Concert/Silent Auction/Tea is a donation to the school's music programs. For more information, contact the Didsbury High School at 335-3356.



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Focus on
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Question: What causes a child to wet the bed? Our 5-year-old soaks his sheets nearly every night, and it drives me crazy.

Dr. Dobson: There are about 7 million kids in the United States who wet the bed nightly. They are a misunderstood lot. Many of their parents believe their bed-wetting is deliberate and that it can be eliminated by punishment.

Others think these kids are just too lazy to go to the bathroom. These are wrong and unfortunate notions. Bed-wetting is often caused by medical factors such as a small bladder, physical immaturity or other physical conditions.

That's why you should begin by consulting a pediatrician or a urologist when bed-wetting starts. About 50 percent of the kids can be helped or cured by medication.

For other boys or girls, the problem is emotional in origin. Any change in the psychological environment of the home may produce midnight moisture. During summer camps conducted for young children, the directors routinely put plastic mattress covers on the beds of all the little visitors.

The anxiety associated with being away from home apparently creates a high probability of bed-wetting during the first few nights, and it is particularly risky to be sleeping on the lower level of bunk beds!

There is a third factor that I feel is a frequent cause of enuresis. During a child's toddler years, he may wet the bed simply because he's too immature to maintain nighttime bladder control.

Some parents, in an effort to head off another episode, begin getting these kids up at night to go to the potty. The youngster is still sound asleep, but he or she is told to "go tinkle" or whatever.

After this conditioning has been established, the child who needs to urinate at night dreams of being told to "go." Particularly when jostled or disturbed at night, the child can believe he or she is being ushered to the bathroom.

I would recommend that parents of older bed wetters stop getting them up at night, even if the behavior continues for a while.

Question: I get so angry at my kid for doing this. Every morning I have to strip and wash his bedding and pajamas. I told him last week that I would spank him if it happened again. Do you think that will help?

Dr. Dobson: Most certainly not! Unless your child's bed-wetting is an act of defiance occurring after he is awake, which I doubt, his enuresis is an involuntary act for which he is not responsible.

Punishment under those circumstances is dangerous and unfair. Your son is humiliated by waking up wet anyway, and the older he gets, the more foolish he will feel about it.

Submitted by Cremona School

The Christmas spirit has hit Cremona School! Having completed a successful Operation Christmas Child campaign, students and staff are preparing to celebrate the upcoming season with a Christmas Concert. Scheduled for December 10th at 7:00 p.m. This program will be sure to entertain. Students in grades K-8 will be performing, including a middle school Christmas play (which includes kindergarten to grade 3 students), the grade 4/5 choir, our staff choir and the concert band. This band is made up of students in grades 7-12. As is our tradition, we wish to welcome parents and students, as well as members of the community.

As a staff member of Cremona School, I would like to take the opportunity to recognize two special people who demonstrate the true spirit of Christmas. Our principal, Mr. Jon Knights has developed a wonderful choir program in our school. Hearing the children perform at our Remembrance Day ceremony touched us all. Believe me, hearing the first day of a practice, and then having the pleasure to enjoy the end result, is truly inspiring. The beautiful piano accompaniment by Mrs. Susan Knights, who volunteers her time, is music to one's ears.

We can make beautiful
music together - wow

Last year, this brave couple undertook the mission to train a staff choir. It did seem like "Mission Impossible", but their perseverance paid off. This reflects the school's desire to work to-

gether as a team; students, staff and community. So please mark December 10th off on your calendar and join us in a Christmas celebration. Everyone welcome to attend.

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Outlaw 4-H Horse Club

by Rheanna Welland & Ines Niemann

October 14, 2003 the 4-H season started with a bang for the Outlaws 4-H Horse Club with our first meeting. We

have a young club this year with many new members. The elections began with our new President, Jodi-Lynn Krebs, Vice President - Marissa Pratt, Secretary - Caitlyn Deboer, Treasurer - Shianne

Kendze, Club Photographers - Kodi-Lynn Hunt and Cassandra Luedke and Club Reporters - Rheanna Welland and Ines Niemann. The main club leader is Leone Sager and Assistant

Elizabeth Degoisbrand. Our first ride was on October 21, in the Olds Pavillion where we met our new instructors for the season. Josh Jensen, Mary-Kate Handforth, Leanne Block, Racheal Pavan,

Ababgail Knight, and Lana Preston. Our second meeting was on November 10, we discussed our Christmas Party of which we are having a Mystery Dinner. (I have parents to serve

us!!!) We also set a schedule for our riding dates. Next meeting is December 8. We know that this year will be a great 4-H year and we hope that we will all have a lot of fun!

St. Cyprian A.C.W. News

by Anne Milne

The meeting was held Nov. 24 at 1:30 p.m. in the Church Hall. The Treasurers Report was most acceptable, thanks to a successful tea and bake sale plus other endeavours.

46 Samaritan Boxes had been packed and shipped. A donation was made to help on the shipping charges.

Jean Gooding reported sending out a number of cards.

The group that was in charge of planning the fall supper also cleaned the kitchens and were thanked for their great efforts.

Members were reminded to get their stories in.

The Christmas Party will be at Myrna Watts house, no date as yet, watch for announcements. Lunch will be a sample of your Christmas baking.

A nominating committee was appointed.

Looking forward to the New Year. Sun., Feb. 15 will be the first of the "Bring a Pie, Buy a Pie" days.

Merilee Anthony took home the lovely crystal bowl and Hilda Regner will be receiving the cake plate from our raffle.

Hazel Miller showed a video adopted from the book "Bus 9 to Paradise" by Leo Buscaglia. It was a presentation of the true meaning of Christmas, was at times very humorous but also very serious. The best gift you can give is the gift of love, hug someone. Christmas is a time of birth and re-growth.

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The business plan to guide the Commission into 2004 and beyond is being developed in consultation with the Board of Directors and

We continue to appreciate the support we have received from our dedicated staff during these difficult times and we look forward to moving forward with our dedicated staff who have supported the Commission.

Dave Derksen
Board Chairman

will be presented to a joint meeting of the member municipalities early in December. The Board is optimistic the plan will address several of the financial concerns identified by

the interim administration and the forensic auditor and provide direction for the Board and the Commission members for years to come.

The audit firm of Grant Thornton was retained by the Minister of Municipal Affairs to complete the forensic audit. The Commission recently received the summary of the preliminary findings and over the next few weeks will be reviewing the report. Following the next Board meeting in late November an official statement regarding the forensic audit will be released by the Board of Directors.

We continue to appreciate the support we have received from our dedicated staff during these difficult times and we look forward to moving forward with our dedicated staff who have supported the Commission. We thank you for your cooperation and understanding as we work to re-establish the Waste Commission.

Dave Derksen
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photo by Carla Victor

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Sports

Midget Tier 1 ready for an exciting year

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The Midget Tier 1 team has had a terrific start to the year.

Starting out in Tier 2, the team quickly proved that they were Tier 1 material and were moved up a division. They have won 6 out of their 8 games played, with the losses being only a 1 goal difference.

The team consists of:
 Players: Cordell Christensen, Jeff Clazie, Matt Collinge, Brad Edwards, Cody Edwards, Brett Fillmore, Chris Gole, Will Harvie, Brenden Meston, Jackson Meston, Jess Trenholm, Charles Weber, Garrett Wenckowski, Boyd Wolf. Goalies: John Arbuckle, Kris Jackson.

Coaches: Ron Doiron, Cory Shields, Jason Switzer.

The team is motivated and focused, as this is the last year of minor hockey for most of the players and it is the fourth year with the dedicated coaching staff. The team has made plans to go to tournaments in B.C., Montana, Lethbridge and Innisfail. Watch for upcoming news about the tournament they are hosting with the other Didsbury Midget team on Dec. 12, 13 and 14.



photo by Tamara Collins

Colts take one and lose one

Colts fought hard this past weekend, taking on Cochrane Friday night in Carstairs, and Airdrie Saturday night here in Didsbury. Friday they beat Cochrane 6-5, and Saturday they lost to Airdrie 10-1. Colts next home game is on Saturday, Nov. 20 against Three Hills. Game time 8 p.m.

Prairie Report

by Amber Unger

Hello 4-Hers! Another month has gone by already! This month we had our regular meeting and a couple horse events. At our meeting we discussed the Christmas party - which we haven't decided a date but it will be a toboggan party. Public Speaking - the date is Jan. 25 (alternative Feb. 1) and Multi-Judging will be on Feb. 14.

We've had one fun ride at Hoggarth's where we played games...had fun! Our horse club also competed with one Jr. team at the Horse Bowl competition on Nov. 29. Team members included Taylor Laut,

Crystal Davis, Nikki Durstling and Amber Unger. The team got a silver medal and will go on to Regionals. Congrats!

We are still collecting used batteries, so keep those coming in. We've started collecting used Ivomec and decton x jugs too, so if you have any, please call a Prairie Partners 4-H member near you or Cindy Unger (556-3458).

That's it for this month. Happy 4-H'in!

P.S. Members, don't forget to bring donations for Christmas Hamper, Club t-shirts for pictures, and 4-H diaries for next meeting, Dec. 12!

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Frank Pavlick

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If you have a claim against this estate, you must file your claim by January 2, 2004 and provide details of your claim with Fercho & Associates, Barristers & Solicitors, at #14, 205 - 1st Street East, Cochrane, Alberta T4C 1X6. If you do not file by the date above, the estate property can lawfully be distributed without regard to any claim you may have. 34-21

33 PERSONALS

DIVORCE SURVIVAL STRATEGIES. Before spending large sums on legal fees, call The Family Law Centre to understand your rights and obligations. Our lawyers will present you with your options and offer smart and proven strategies to help reduce your legal fees, safeguard your assets and defend your child custody and access rights. Don't be a victim! "Separate Smart". Toll free 1-866-879-3529. 36-31

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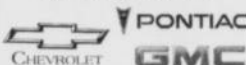
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Didsbury & District Community Bus

Dinner Theatre at Trochu Fri. Dec. 12. \$35. Money must be in by Dec. 5. Bus leaves 5-0 Centre at 4:30 p.m. Phone Gen 335-3449 or Bea 335-2058.

Bridal Shower

Shower for Corrie Zitaruk bride elect of Dale Tomlinson on Sun. Dec. 7 at 7:00 p.m. at Carstairs Community Golf Club. Everyone welcome.

Didsbury Youth Justice Committee

Regular monthly meetings are 2nd Thursday of every month at the Didsbury RCMP detachment at 7:00 p.m. Anyone interested in joining welcome to attend.

DIDSBURY

Dinner

Westerdale Community Christmas pot luck dinner. Sunday, Dec. 7 at 12:30. Please bring a meat dish and salad or dessert. If you'd like to contribute to the program please call Karen Grudski at 335-4568. Everyone welcome.

Rosebud Ladies Coffee Party

Wednesday December 3, 2003 at 9:30 a.m. at the Rosebud Hall. All ladies welcome. Please bring a sample of your Christmas baking.

Didsbury & District Community Bus

Cash Casino Fri. Dec. 5. Cost \$10. Bus leaves 5-0 Club at 10 a.m. Phone Gen 335-3449 or Bea 335-3058.

DIDSBURY

Concert

Westcott Hall Christmas Concert Dec. 7 5:30. Pot luck supper. Santa will be there. Everyone welcome.

Didsbury & District Community Bus

We're going to see the Christmas lights on Wed. Dec. 17. Please join us. Bus leaves 5-0 Club at 4:30. Cost is \$10. Dinner in Innisfail - your cost. Phone Gen 335-3449 or Bea 335-3058.

Joyous Sounds of Christmas
Presented by St. Anthony's Choral Group. Traditional carols and Christmas songs. St. Anthony's Catholic Church Sunday, Dec. 7 at 7:00 p.m. Lunch and refreshments. Sing along! Free admission.

ONGOING EVENTS

CARSTAIRS

RECYCLING DEPOT

Carstairs Lion's Recycling Depot is open every Saturday from 9 a.m. - 12:20 p.m.

CARSTAIRS TOPS

Take off Pounds Sensibly at the Church of God on Monday nights 7-8 p.m. For further information call Jean 637-3753, Shelly 337-3082 or Kim 946-4997.

DIDSBURY

COMMUNITY CRISIS SOCIETY

Are you experiencing family violence? Please call the Crisis Shelter at 1-877-934-6634.

CHAMPS

"NEW" Canadian Weight Awareness - CHAMPS Clubs Inc. is a Non-Profit Weight Loss Support Organization which meets weekly. We are open to Men and Ladies whom share a common concern of managing their weight. For more info about CHAMPS CLUB INC. call today, 1-866-444-7682.

DIDSBURY MUSEUM

New Fall hours: Tues, Wed., Thurs, 12:30 - 4:30. Saturday: 1 - 5 p.m., special occasions & anytime by appointment. Please call Dale Weiss at 335-4723 or Willard Stauffer at 335-3715.

SPECIAL FAMILIES RESOURCE ASSOCIATION

Support for families/caregivers of special needs children. Meetings held 1st and 3rd Thurs. of every month in the Didsbury Hospital in the Educational Conference Room at 7 p.m. Join us for an Asperger's discussion on Tues. Oct. 14 6:30 - 7:30. For more information contact Cindy at 335-4123.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Didsbury Chamber of Commerce meets every 2nd Thursday. Once a month. For more info please call 335-3265.

DIDSBURY TOPS

Take Off Pounds Sensibly! Come and join us every Wednesday evening. For more info call Stacey at 335-4487 or Rosemary 335-2835.

ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD

Didsbury Environmental Advisory Board meets once every month at the Town Office. For info call the Town Office 335-3391

HALL WALKING

Adult hall walking at Westglen from 6:45 a.m. Monday to Thursday. Keep fit this winter.

DIDSBURY

BEAVER'S

Beaver's Monday 7 - 8 p.m. at Eldon Foote Hall. Kids 5 to 7 years old, boys and girls welcome.

TOY LIBRARY

Child & Youth Clubs of Didsbury Toy Library: (Closed for the Summer) the Anglican Church Hall basement 2037 - 24 Ave. New members always welcome. Kerri at 335-9928.

AA

Alcoholics Anonymous meetings. Fridays 8:30 p.m. at the Masonic Hall, Didsbury, 20 Ave. and 21 St. For information call Wendy at 335-3877 or Rick at 335-9525.

TIME OUT

Child & Youth Clubs of Didsbury's Mom's Time Out and Dads Too program. At Anglican Church Hall, Mondays 10:11-30 a.m. Nominal babysitting fee. Call 335-8183 or 335-9903 for more information.

KING HIRAM LODGE

King Hiram Lodge #21 has its regular meetings at 8 p.m. every 2nd Tuesday of the month.

O.E.S. MEETING

St. Hilda Chapter #27 O.E.S. has its regular meetings at 7:30 p.m. every 3rd Tuesday of the month. For info. call Kay Johnston at 335-4060.

GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS

Gamblers Anonymous (G.A.) starting Monday, January 22 from 7 - 9 p.m. in the Assembly Room at the Hospital Unit 4. For more information please call 335-8208.

SONS OF NORWAY

Sons of Norway meets the 4th Monday of every month at 8 p.m. at Evergreen Centre in Olds. All welcome. Call 556-2401 or 337-2037 for more information.

CASH BINGO

Didsbury Elks Cash Bingo every Tuesday. Doors open 6:00 p.m., Nickel Bingo at 6:45. Regular Bingo at 7:30 p.m. Didsbury Elks Hall.

DIDSBURY PRESCHOOL

is now accepting registrations for 2003-2004 school year. This non-profit organization offers educational and social programming for children 3 to 5 years old. For information or to register your child, please call: Cherrie 335-8818 or 335-8039

DIDSBURY

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INFORMATION

Mountain View La Leche League, a group which offers information and support for breastfeeding mothers. We also meet the 3rd Tuesday evenings of each month 10 a.m. Olds Scout Hall. Phone 337-3617 or 556-3807 for information.

BRIDGE CLUB

Mountain View Bridge Club meets every Wednesday from 7-10 p.m. at the Masonic Star Hall, 2037-21 Avenue, Didsbury. All bridge players welcome! For more info: 335-8375 or 638-2757.

HOME HELP ASSOCIATION

The Didsbury & District Senior Support Services co-ordinates assistance for seniors. Call 335-4391.

LEARNING DISABILITIES

Learning Disabilities of Alberta, Mtn. View Chapter. Support and info for parents and teachers dealing with learning disabilities. For info call Susan at 335-3174.

DIDSBURY MENTAL HEALTH CLINIC

Free, confidential walk-in counseling the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month from 12 - 4 p.m. Phone 335-7285.

OLDS

W.H.O.A.S

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MEETING

Adoption Support Group of Olds and area meet the 3rd Tuesday of every month. For more information contact Susan at 335-8540.

SUNDRE

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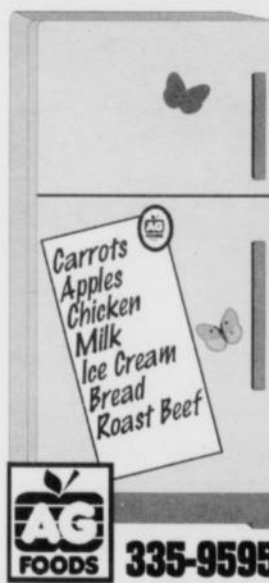
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